



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Americans celebrate July 4, 1776, adoption of Declaration of Independence



Independence Day honors the birthday of the United States of America and the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Drafted by Thomas Jefferson, the Declaration of Independence is the nation's most cherished symbol of liberty and Jefferson's most enduring monument. "The Fourth" is a day of patriotic celebration and family events, including picnics and barbeques, and baseball games countrywide. July is summer in the United States and millions of Americans escape the heat at beaches and other vacation spots. Independence Day is not among the legal holidays fixed on a Monday or Friday, but many employees use vacation time to create an extended weekend. Community fireworks displays are common. In New York City, Macy's department store has, for over 30 years, sponsored a July 4 fireworks display over the Hudson River. In 2009, New York City had the largest fireworks display in the country, with over 22 tons of pyrotechnics exploded. Other major displays are in Chicago on Lake Michigan; in San Diego over Mission Bay; in Boston on the Charles River; in St. Louis on the Mississippi River; in San Francisco over the San Francisco Bay. A free concert on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. "A Capitol Fourth," precedes the fireworks and attracts over half a million people annually.

In the words of Founding Father John Adams, the holiday is "the great anniversary festival. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."



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GOVERNMENT / POLITICS

The Constitution and its Critics by Thomas J. Main in *Policy Review*, June/July 2011. 16p.

A critical way to understand America's fundamental document.

Vice President Biden to Take on Making Government More Accountable *White House*, June 13, 2011.

Vice President Biden says the President has asked him to take on a new role holding the Cabinet accountable for cutting agency waste as part of the Administration's ongoing effort to make government more accountable.

The Views of the Administration on Regulatory Reform: An Update Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce*, June 3, 2011.

Republican Candidates Stir Little Enthusiasm *Pew Research Center*, June 2, 2011. **Full report** 22p.

The State of Campaign Finance Policy: Recent Developments & Issues for Congress *CRS*, April 29'11.

Keeping America Informed: The U.S. Government Printing Office: 150 Years of Service to the Nation *U.S. Government Printing Office*, June 2011. Note: 163p. **News Release**

FOOD SECURITY – AGRICULTURE & NUTRITION

The New Geopolitics of Food by Lester Brown in *Foreign Policy*, May/June.

Prices are climbing, but the impact is not at all being felt equally. Welcome to the 21st-century food wars.

Global Agriculture and Food Security Remarks by U.S. Under Secretary of the Treasury Lael Brainard, in Chicago, May 24, 2011.

Under Sec. Brainard says "The need for global action to strengthen food security is clear. With food prices again high and increasingly volatile, and in the face of ongoing climate change impacts, rural households in the world's poorest countries are increasingly exposed to global price swings, and forces of demand and supply far beyond their borders."

The True Yields of Food Security Speech by *USAID* Administrator Rajiv Shah, in Chicago, May 24, 2011.

Around the world, we're seeing food prices hit all-time highs, as the UN Food Price Index has climbed for eight consecutive months, setting new records along the way. In India, wheat prices have soared even as wheat has seen bumper harvests in the country. And in Indonesia, rising rice costs have doubled the cost of a daily staple. We know exactly where stories like these lead...

Food Prices and Inflation in Emerging Markets Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis, *International Economic Trends*, May 2011.1p.

If the gains in global food prices prove persistent, the larger share of food in the consumption baskets of developing countries and the stronger pass-through from food to nonfood prices in those countries suggest that the demands on monetary policy in developing and advanced economies will only continue to diverge.

USTR and FDA Welcome Collaboration by APEC and the World Bank to Enhance Food Safety and Facilitate Food Trade *Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR)*, May 18, 2011.

In Big Sky, Montana, Deputy U.S. Trade Rep. Demetrios Marantis and Commissioner of Food and Drugs Margaret A. Hamburg, M.D., welcomed the signing of an MOU between the APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum and the World Bank to collaborate on programs designed to enhance food safety and to facilitate trade throughout the Asia Pacific region which will enable more growers, more producers, and more food safety officials to understand and utilize preventive controls – resulting in safer food for consumers, and fewer food trade safety incidents.

International Food Security Assessment, 2010 Update *Economic Research Service, USDA*, May 2011. 13p.

Rising global food commodity prices have again focused attention on agriculture and food security.

1,000 Days to Scale Up Nutrition for Mothers and Children Address by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, June 13, 2011.

“Bread for the World” and “Concern Worldwide” hosted this event to highlight the importance of improving nutrition for mothers and their children. The U.S. and Ireland are working together to find more ways to improve maternal and child nutrition in the 1,000 day window between pregnancy and when a child turns 2 years old, when nutrition is most critical for saving lives and promoting cognitive and physical development. **Watch Secretary Clinton**

Keynote at “Bread for the World’s” National Gathering 2011 Address - U.S. Under Secretary of State Maria Otero, June 13, 2011.

U.S. Global Food Security Funding FY2010-FY2012 CRS, April 28, 2011.

The U.S. currently addresses issues related to global hunger and food security through two primary types of approaches: (1) agricultural development and (2) emergency and humanitarian food aid and assistance. The Administration’s *Feed the Future* initiative and some emergency food assistance programs, are administered primarily by the *U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)*.

High Prices Threaten Food Security *IIP Digital*, June 17, 2011 (about the OECD-FAO *Agricultural Outlook 2011-2020* report).

“Prolonged periods of high prices could make the achievement of global food security goals more difficult, putting poor consumers at a higher risk of malnutrition,” according to the report summary.

Food for Thought: The Role, Risks and Challenges for American Agriculture and the Next Farm World in Meeting the Demands of a Growing World Hearing before the *U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry*, May 26, 2011.

Intersections of Youth and Food Security Report for *USAID*, May 3, 2011. 37p.

While the investigation looks at the connections between youth and food security, many of these issues are also relevant to the food security of the general adult population. But this report focuses on how these connections specifically impact youth, including the barriers that they face, the ways in which youth are currently engaged in food security and agricultural activities, and how the demographic can be targeted in future initiatives.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

President Obama on the Way Forward in Afghanistan *The White House, Office of the Press Secretary*, June 22, 2011. **Full Text** / **Watch the Video**

U.S.-China Conference, East-West Center Honolulu headed by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Kurt M. Campbell and Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Cui Tiankai, June 26, 2011.

Susan E. Rice – Remarks, Annual Meeting of United Nations Association of the U.S. June 13, 2011.

U.N. Representative Ms Rice explores “how the UN helps make us all more secure in this new century, what we’ve accomplished of late, the challenges ahead, and how you can continue to help us in this effort.”

U.S. Interest in Sino-Indian Cooperation by Strobe Talbott in *Journal Int. Affairs*, Spring/Summer 2011. 6p.

In this interview, Strobe Talbott, President of the Brookings Institution and former U.S. Deputy Secretary of State, reflects on the future of international relations, the rising competition between India and China in the Indian Ocean, and the view from the United States.

Countering Beijing in the South China Sea by Dana Dillon in *The National Interest*, June/July.

Dillon believes that American interests in maintaining the freedom of navigation in the South China Sea and other contested waters should be defended with diplomacy backed by military strength. He sees this area as a place of future competition between powers and recommends that the U.S. not flinch or compromise, because any temporary concession to China’s demonstrably unreasonable demands will not earn gratitude, but instead will become a precedent for China’s future demands.

The Consequentialist by Ryan Lizza in *The New Yorker*, May 2, 2011.

Lizza opines that democracy has suddenly become the signature conflict of Obama's foreign policy.

Obama Committed to Ratifying Nuclear Test Ban Treaty *IIP Digital*, June 14, 2011.

In remarks to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization in Vienna June 14, Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control, Verification and Compliance Rose Gottemoeller said President Obama has an "unshakable commitment" to see the treaty ratified and entered into force. The Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty's ratification is an essential step of Obama's vision of a world without nuclear weapons, which he articulated in an **April 2009 speech in Prague**, she said.

Statement of the United States to the CTBTO Preparatory Commission in Vienna, June 14, 2011 (*CTBTO – Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization*).

"We are committed to working with members of both parties in the Senate to ratify the *CTBT*, just as we did for New START."

New START Treaty Aggregate Numbers: Strategic Offensive Arms Fact sheet. *U.S. Dept of State*, June 1'11.

G8 Leaders Agree to Extend Global Partnership Beyond 2012 Media note, *U.S. Dept of State*, June 3, 2011 (Global Partnership against Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction).

The G8 Global Partnership is a positive model of cooperation for combating global threats, and since its inception, has grown to include 23 Partners and is on track to exceed its original \$20 billion goal by 2012.

The Arab Spring

Recent Developments in Afghanistan and the Proposed Drawdown of U.S. Forces Hearing before the *U.S. House Committee on Armed Services*, June 22, 2011. **Listen**

Gates says NATO Security Gains in Afghanistan Can Be Sustained *IIP Digital*, June 10, 2011.

U.S.-Pakistan Ties: Uneasy and Essential Analysis brief by Deborah Jerome, *CFR*, June 17, 2011.

Assad Regime, Not Protesters, Destabilizing Syria, U.S. Says *IIP Digital*, June 17, 2011.

Vulnerable Iran in Restive Mideast Interview with Ray Takeyh, *CFR*, June 15, 2011.

U.S. Endorses IAEA Action Against Syria on Nuclear Site *IIP Digital*, June 10, 2011.

U.S. Govt. Humanitarian Assistance in Response to Libya Crisis Fact sheet, *U.S. Dept of State*, June 9'11.

Shaky Economies for Egypt, Tunisia Interview, Jane Kinninmont, Chatham House in London. *CFR*, June 9'11.

Ambassador Nominee Will Work for Shared U.S.-Afghan Vision *IIP Digital*, June 8, 2011. **Full text - Ambassador-designate Ryan Crocker's statement to the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations**

Egyptians Oppose U.S. Aid to Political Groups in Their Country *Gallup*, June 8, 2011.

Yemen's Uncertain Political Future Interview, Bernard Haykel of Princeton University. *CFR*, June 7, 2011.

IMF Announces \$3 Billion Support Plan for Egypt *IMF news release*, June 5 2011.

Arab Spring Fails to Improve U.S. Image *Pew Research Center*, May 17, 2011.

Pakistan-U.S. Relations: A Summary *CRS*, May 16, 2011.

Assessing U.S. Policy and its Limits in Pakistan Hearing before the *U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations*, May 5, 2011.

Islam and Politics in Pakistan by Jayshree Bajoria. *CFR*, May 5, 2011.

Direct Overt U.S. Aid and Military Reimbursements to Pakistan, FY2002-FY2012 *CRS*, May 4, 2011.

Afghanistan: What is an Acceptable End-State, and How Do We Get There? Hearing before the *U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations*, May 3, 2011.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and Terrorism Investigations *CRS*, April 27, 2011.

Pakistan Security-Governance Challenge by C. Christine Fair in *Current History*, April 2011.

The nation's lavishly supplied army and intelligence services nurture Islamist outlaws, while police are badly trained and equipped. Ms. Fair cautions that this is no recipe for security.

Al Qaeda, the Taliban, and Other Extremist Groups in Afghanistan and Pakistan Hearing before the *U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations*, May 24, 2011.

The U.S. and Poland: An Alliance and Partnership for the 21st Century *White House* fact sheet, May 28'11.

Preventing Violent Conflict Remarks by U.S. Under Secretary of State Maria Otero, *USIP*, June 1, 2011.

U.S. Policy in the Balkans Speech, U.S. Asst. Secretary of State Philip H. Gordon, in Sarajevo, June 14, 2011.

"For the United States, our commitment to Bosnia and Herzegovina is an integral part of our long-standing commitment to a Europe that is whole, free, democratic, and at peace. We believe strongly in the idea that all of Europe must join the Euro-Atlantic institutions and realize the benefits of stability and prosperity."

ASIA PACIFIC

U.S. Maintains Enduring, Consistent Commitment to Asia *IIP Digital*, June 6, 2011. Summary of a speech by U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates in Singapore, June 4, 2011. [Full Text](#)

Why Taiwan Matters Hearing before the *U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs*, June 16, 2011. [Transcripts](#), and scroll down.

The Future of Japan Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs*, May 24, 2011. [Transcripts](#), and scroll down.

The U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement Hearing before *U.S. Senate Committee on Finance*, May 26, 2011.

Some other resources which may be of interest:

Remarks - Release of the 2011 Trafficking in Persons Report Remarks by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, June 27, 2011. [See also](#)

Remarks on the 2011 Trafficking in Persons Report Remarks by U.S. Under Secretary of State Maria Otero, and Luis CdeBaca, Ambassador-at-Large, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, *U.S. Dept of State*, June 27, 2011. [A special briefing by Luis CdeBaca](#) June 24, 2011.

The Eurozone in Crisis Backgrounder by Christopher Alessi. *Council on Foreign Relations*, June 22, 2011.

After the Earthquake: Reinvigorating US-Japan Policy Dialogue by James Gannon. *EWG*, June 14, 2011.

Situation on Thailand-Cambodia Border U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, April 25, 2011.

Non-Governmental Organizations' Activities in North Korea *CRS*, March 25, 2011.

Private Contractors in Conflict Zones: The Good, the Bad, and the Strategic Impact by T.X. Hammes. *NDU*, November 2010. 16p.

Backgrounder: China in Latin America *U.S.- China Economic & Security Review Comm.*, May 27, 2011. 18p.

Transportation, Shipping & Aviation:

Highway Infrastructure and the Economy: Implications for Federal Policy *RAND*, 2011. Note: 116p.

Creating New U.S. Maritime Industry Jobs by Reducing Regulation Hearing before the *U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, May 24, 2011.

Air Traffic Control Safety Oversight Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation*, May 24, 2011.

U.N. Climate Talks and Power Politics: It's Not about the Temperature Hearing before the *Subcomm. on Oversight and Investigations, U.S. House Comm. on Foreign Affairs*, May 25, 2011.

Human Rights

Combating Discrimination and Intolerance Based on Religion or Belief Remarks by Suzan Johnson Cook, U.S. Ambassador-at-Large, at Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights panel on "Combating Discrimination and Intolerance Based on Religion or Belief", in Geneva, June 14, 2011.

Humanitarianism in Crisis by Soren Jessen-Petersen. *U.S. Institute of Peace*, June 2011. 12p.

Remarks at an Open Security Council Debate on the International Criminal Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda Remarks, Rosemary A. DiCarlo, U.S. Dep. Permanent Repres. to U.N., June 6, 2011.

Prioritizing International Religious Freedom in U.S. Foreign Policy Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs*, June 3, 2011. **Transcripts** and scroll down.

International Child Abduction: Broken Laws and Bereaved Lives Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs*, May 24, 2011. **Transcripts** and scroll down.

Closing Guantanamo? Backgrounder by Jonathan Masters. *CFR*, May 31, 2011.

Human Rights Last by Gary Bass in *Foreign Policy*, March/April 2011. 9p.

Bass, a professor of politics and international affairs at Princeton University, discusses China's influence in many developing countries through trade relationships and the reasons for Chinese equanimity regarding human rights violations by these governments.

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

Clean Water: Foundation of Healthy Communities and a Healthy Environment *White House*, April'11.

The Nation's investment in clean water began with a commitment by the Federal government to end the flagrant pollution of rivers, lakes and coastal waters. Forty years later, there is a growing appreciation that clean water, healthy watersheds, and resilient ecosystems are essential to the health and well-being of people and to the character and economic vitality of communities.

A Policy Framework for the 21st Century Grid: Enabling Our Secure Energy Future *White House*, June 2011. Note: 108p. **Fact Sheet**

DOE Clean Technology Programs Hearing, *subcomm. U.S. House Committee on Science, Space and Tech.* June 15'11.

The Japanese Nuclear Emergency – EPA's Radiation Monitoring May 3 Statement, on *EPA.org*

After a thorough data review showing declining radiation levels related to the Japanese nuclear incident, *EPA* has returned to the routine RadNet sampling and analysis process for precipitation, drinking water and milk.

America's Marine Highway Report to Congress 2011 *Maritime Admin. U.S. Dept Transportation*, April'11. 86p.

Are the U.S. States Equally Prepared for a Carbon Constrained World? by Mark C. Snead & Amy A. Jones. *Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City*, April 28, 2011. 18p.

TRADE / ECONOMY

International Order after the Financial Crisis by Harold James in *International Affairs*, May 2011. 13p.

James, a professor of History and International Relations at Princeton University, examines analogies and lessons from a world order centered on Britain to a U.S. dominated global order, focusing on the destruction in the Great Depression of a liberal economic and political order and its replacement by a world of brutal Great Power politics and the need for a benevolent hegemonic power to provide public goods for the world economy and the world political system.

Spend Less, Owe Less, Grow the Economy Hearing before the *Joint Economic Committee, U.S. Congress*, June 21, 2011. [View](#)

U.S. Experience with Bank Stress Tests Speech by William C. Dudley, president and chief executive officer, *Federal Reserve Bank of New York*, posted June 27, 2011.

The U.S. Federal Reserve's "Beige Book" June 8, 2011.

Fiscal Sustainability Speech by Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, U.S. Federal Reserve, June 14, 2011.

The IMF: Backgrounder *CFR*, June 2011.

Intellectual Property Protections in the Digital Age Address by Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Miriam Sapiro at the St Petersburg International Economic Forum, in St Petersburg, Russia, June 18, 2011.

The U.S. Economic Outlook and the Normalization of Monetary Policy Speech by Charles I. Plosser, president and chief executive officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, in London, June 9, 2011.

Does the Dodd Frank Act End "Too Big to Fail"? Hearing before a subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Financial Services, June 14, 2011.

Containing (or Restraining) Systemic Risk: The Need to Not Fail on "Too Big to Fail" Speech by Richard W. Fisher, president and chief executive officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, June 6, 2011.

Shocks and the Economic Outlook Commentary by Kenneth R. Beauchemin, *Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland*, June 13, 2011.

President Obama Presented Ideas to Accelerate Job Growth and America's Competitiveness at Jobs Council Meeting - Blog / Text of the President's Speech *The White House*, June 13, 2011.

Debt Debate and its Financial Implications Briefing by David K. Backus of the NYU Stern School of Business, at the *Foreign Press Center, U.S. Dept of State, in New York*, June 8, 2011.

U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner to the International Monetary Conference in Atlanta, June 6, 2011.

U.S. Economy Recovering at Moderate Pace, Likely to Pick Up *IIP Digital*, June 8, 2011. [Reference to Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's Speech](#), June 7, 2011.

U.S. Innovation and Economic Recovery Views of four experts. *CFR*, June 6, 2011.

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Saving the American Dream: The Heritage Plan to Fix the Debt, Cut Spending, and Restore Prosperity *Heritage*, May 10, 2011.

How to Reverse U.S. Economic Malaise Interview with A. Michael Spence (recipient of 2001 Nobel Prize in Economics). *Council on Foreign Relations*, June 16, 2011.

Government and Public Administration:

How to Save Taxpayer Dollars: Cases Studies of Duplication in the Federal Government Hearing before the *U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs*, May 25, 2011.

Cost-Justifying Regulations: Protecting Jobs and the Economy by Presidential and Judicial Review of Costs and Benefits Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary*, May 4, 2011

Defining Financial Stability, and Some Policy Implications of Applying the Definition Speech by Eric S. Rosengren, president and chief executive officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, June 3, 2011.

U.S. Investor Optimism Declines in May *Gallup*, June 6, 2011.

Regulating Systemically Important Financial Firms Speech by Daniel K. Tarullo, a governor of the U.S. Federal Reserve, June 3, 2011.

Why the U.S. Recovery is Lagging "First take" analysis by Sebastian Mallaby. *CFR*, June 3, 2011.

GDP and the Economy: Advance Estimates for the First Quarter of 2011 *Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Dept of Commerce*, May 2011. 6p.

Investment in Structures is Still Depressed by Timothy Bianco & Filippo Occhino. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, *Economic Trends*, June 1, 2011.

Entrepreneurship and the U.S. Economy

Treasury: U.S. Still Projected to Exhaust Borrowing Authority on August 2nd *U.S. Dept of the Treasury*, June 1, 2011

How Business Tax Reform Can Encourage Job Creation Hearing before the *U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means*, June 2, 2011.

Present Law and Background Relating to Selected Business Income Tax Provisions Report of the *Joint Committee on Taxation, U.S. Congress*, June 1, 2011. 40p.

Estimated Impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act from January 2011 through March 2011 *CBO*, May 2011. 20p. **See also**

Assessing Potential Financial Imbalances in an Era of Accommodative Monetary Policy Speech by Janet L. Yellen, Vice Chair, U.S. Federal Reserve, in Tokyo, June 1, 2011.

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Treasury Releases Semi-Annual Report to Congress on International Economic and Exchange Rate Policies *U.S. Dept of the Treasury*, May 27, 2011.

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Obama Administration Establishes White House Rural Council to Strengthen Rural Communities *White House*, June 9, 2011.

Outlook for the Rural Economy by Jason Henderson, vice president, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, May 17, 2011. 34p.

SOCIETY

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A Nation Prepared: Strengthening Medical and Public Health Preparedness and Response Hearing before the *U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions*, May 17, 2011.

CDC Identifies 10 Public Health Achievements of First Decade of 21st Century *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services*, May 19, 2011.

Responding to the Prescription Drug Epidemic Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary*, May 24, 2011.

Global Perspectives on Autism – a Growing Public Health Crisis Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs*, May 31, 2011. **Transcripts** and scroll down.

HIV/AIDS:

Remarks by Susan Rice U.S. Permanent Repres. to the U.N. at a UN Security Council debate on HIV/AIDS and International Security June 7, 2011.

The 30th Anniversary of HIV/AIDS Remarks by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, June 5, 2011.

Obama Administration recommits to fighting HIV/AIDS epidemic *White House*, June 3, 2011.

New York Meeting Focuses on Children and HIV/AIDS *IIP Digital*, June 3, 2011.

HIV Surveillance: United States, 1981-2008 *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, June 3, 2011.

After 30 Years with AIDS, Solid Signs of Progress *IIP Digital*, May 27, 2011.

Research Key to Ending 30-Year-Old AIDS Epidemic *IIP Digital*, May 31, 2011.

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A Description of the Immigrant Population: An Update *CBO*, June 2011. 33p. **Brief summary**

Improving Efficiency and Ensuring Justice in the Immigration Court System Hearing before the *U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary*, May 18, 2011.

Report of the Global Commission on Drug Policy June 2011. 24p.

Pensions/ Benefits / Poverty

Two Trends in Global Poverty by Geoffrey Gertz & Laurence Chandy. *Brookings*, May 2011. 4p.

The global poverty landscape is changing, and this transformation is captured by two distinct trends: poor people are increasingly found in middle-income countries and in fragile states. These Brookings experts discuss both trends and the need of new thinking and differentiated approaches for poverty reduction.

The Impact of Deferring Retirement Age on Retirement Income Adequacy Issue brief, *Employee Benefit Research Institute*, June 2011. 36p.

Private Pensions: Some Key Features Lead to Uneven Distribution of Benefits *GAO*, March 2011. 68p.

Cities and Urban issues:

Metropolitan and Micropolitan Population Growth by Timothy Dunne and Kyle Fee. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, *Economic Trends*, June 2, 2011.

Growing Cities, Shrinking Cities by Kyle Fee & Daniel Hartley. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, *Economic Trends*, April 14, 2011.

Justice and Legal Issues:

The Path to the Federal Bench May 15, 2011. 34p. **Announcement** June 1, 2011.

Can We Sue Our Way to Prosperity? Litigation's Effect on America's Global Competitiveness Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary*, May 24, 2011.

The World's Women 2010: Trends and Statistics *UN Statistics Division*, 2011.

Sport:

Morally Incompatible? An Analysis of the Relationship between Competitive Sport and International Relations at the Olympic Games by Cesar Torres in *SAIS Review*, Winter/Spring 2011. 14p.

Torres explores the proposition that athletic competition is incompatible with the goals of the Games, and provides two policy recommendations to allow the Olympic Games to realize their full potential as a global assembling event.

Clinton Launches Initiative to Empower Women through Sports *IIP Digital*, June 6, 2011. **Remarks**

SportsUnited: Bringing People Together through Sports Fact sheet, *U.S. Dept of State*, June 6, 2011.

Sports: Empowering Women & Girls through Internat. Exchanges Fact sheet, *U.S. Dept of State*, June 6'11.

Soccer and Diplomacy Fact sheet, *U.S. Dept of State*, June 6, 2011.

Why is Soccer Becoming Popular in the United States? *IIP Digital*, June 3, 2011.

EDUCATION

Pleasure, Beauty, and Wonder: Educating for the Knowledge Age by John Eger in *The Futurist*, January/February.

While math and science are important, they need to be infused with the creative spark that comes from the arts.

On Teaching Mobile Literacy by David Parry in *Educause Review*, March/April 2011. 3p.

Parry, an assistant professor of Emerging Media and Communications at the University of Texas at Dallas, discusses mobile web literacy, and how teaching method and the meaning of being knowledgeable and educated in a culture seems as crucial as teaching basic literacy. In fact, he encourages students to Twitter in class.

Education Reform: Exploring the Vital Role of Charter Schools Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce*, June 1, 2011.

Some educational resources which may be of interest:

The Condition of Education 2011 *National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Dept of Education*, May 2011. Note: 410p. **Summary** - **Shorter version of the report**

Public School Systems Spend \$10,499 Per Pupil in 2009 *Census Bureau*, May 25, 2011.

Characteristics of Private Schools in the United States: Results from the 2009-10 Private School Universe Survey: First Look *National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Dept of Education*, May 2011. 54p.

U.S. History 2010: The Nation's Report Card: National Assessment of Educational Progress at Grades 4, 8, and 12 *National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Dept of Education*, June 2011. 66p. **See also**

What's It Worth? The Economic Value of College Majors *Center on Education and the Workforce, Georgetown University*, May 2011. Note: 182p.

BUSINESS

Long Live the Industrial City by Tom Vanderbilt in *The Wilson Quarterly*, Spring 2011. 8p.

Vanderbilt examines the reinvention of industrial manufacturing in cities in the 21st century and the impact of technological innovations such as internet commerce and fast delivery services. In New York City, for example, he sees compelling reasons as to why an industrial network still clusters in Midtown Manhattan. The 21st century city produces innovation itself – and has three key ingredients: mutation, error, and serendipity.

President Obama and Skills for America's Future Partners Announce Initiatives Critical to Improving America's Manufacturing Workforce *The White House*, June 8, 2011. **Background**

Jobs Council to Obama: Here's How to Create One Million Jobs Quickly *Christian Science Monitor*, June'11.

Removing Inefficiencies in the Nation's Job Training Programs Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce*, May 11, 2011.

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